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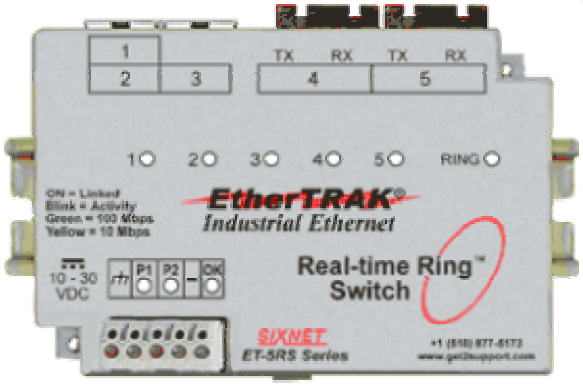
Industrial Ethernet

Real-Time Ring™ Switch



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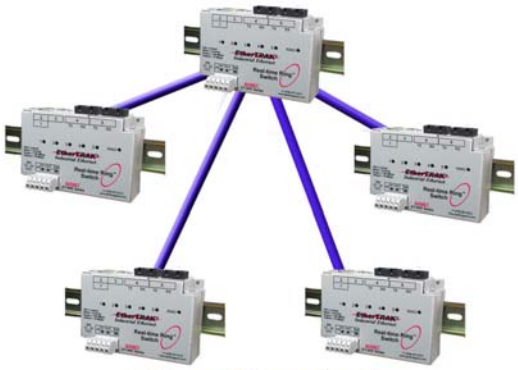
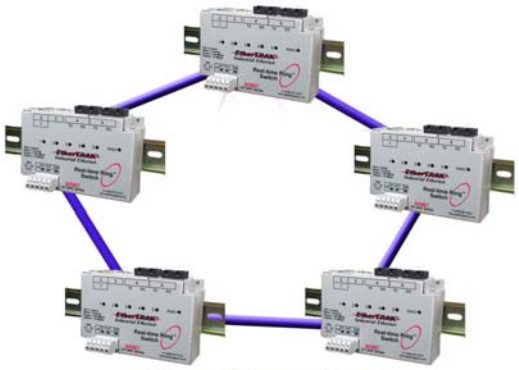
Section 1 General Information

Overview

This manual will help you install and maintain the Real-Time Ring™ Switch. The Ring Switch allows you to implement the traditional star topology, or ring topology to take advantage of network path redundancy. The switch can be used right out of the box without configuration; or through some simple configuration steps, some powerful managed switch features can be enabled such as traffic prioritization and port mirroring.



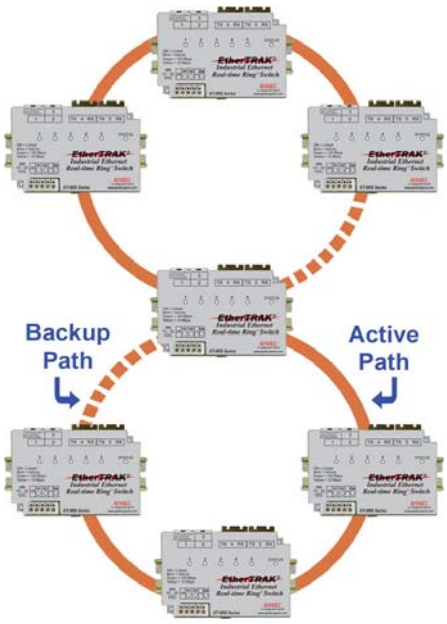
Star Topology



Ring Topology

Operation

In the Ring Switch, messages are intelligently routed for the sake of increasing the efficiency and reliability of your network. Unlike an Ethernet hub, a switch will forward packets to specific ports to reduce unnecessary traffic on network paths, thus optimizing network efficiency. Most importantly, by using a Ring Switch, you can implement redundant paths in a network by allowing ring topology (for a more resilient network). Ring topology is important in path redundancy because no matter where in the ring that a path gets "cut", all devices connected to a node in the ring will still be able to communicate with each other.



Conventional switches and hubs *cannot* be used in ring topologies because of broadcast storms. Broadcast storms can bring a network to a stop if conventional switches or hubs are being used in a ring topology because of broadcast message reproduction. Using Ring Switches in the loop will prevent broadcast storms because they have the intelligence to detect loops and to assign the necessary ports to be in the backup (disabled) state. These backup ports will be instantly enabled should the primary path in their respective ring fail. See picture to the right:

The Ring Switch supports 10BaseT (10 Mbps), 100BaseT (100 Mbps) and 1000BaseT on its RJ45 ports, depending on model. Each of these ports will independently auto-sense the speed, allowing you to interface to regular or fast Ethernet devices. Some models also have 100BaseF (100 Mbps) or 1000BaseF fiber optic port(s).

Refer to Section 6 for more information on Ring Switch configuration, operation and features.

Performance Specifications

These general specifications apply to the Real-Time Ring™ Switch. Refer to Section 7 for complete technical specifications.

Ports	5 or 9
Port types (varies by model)	10/100BaseT (Shielded RJ45), 10/100/1000BaseT (shielded RJ45), 100BaseF (SC or ST connectors), 1000BaseF (SFP ports with LC connectors)
Ethernet switch type	Intelligent Store and Forward with Real-time Ring™ plus some management capabilities
Ethernet protocols supported	All IEEE 802.3
RJ45 operation	Auto negotiation, Auto-Crossover and Auto-Polarity
Fiber operation	Multimode or singlemode with distances up to 70 km or more

Standards and Safety

The Ring Switch meets the following standards:

Electrical safety - UL 508, CSA C22/14; EN61010-1 (IEC1010)
EMI emissions - FCC part 15, ICES 003, EN55022; Class B
EMC immunity – IEC61326-1, IEEE C37.90

Hazardous locations – UL 1604, CSA C22.2/213 (Class 1, Div. 2), Groups A, B, C, D; Cenelec EN50021 (Zone 2) EEx nA II T4 X (-40°C ≤ T_a ≤ +85°C)

Install the Real-time Ring Switch in accordance with local and national electrical codes.

Lightning Danger: Do not work on equipment during periods of lightning activity.

Do not connect a telephone line into one of the Ethernet RJ45 connectors.

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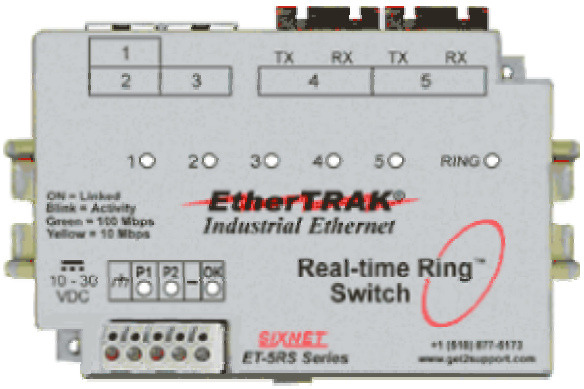
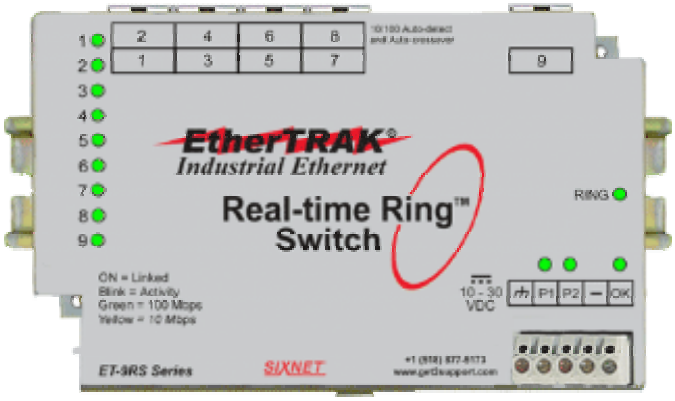
Section 2 LED Indicators

Overview

The Ring Switch has communication LEDs for each port and power LEDs for each input terminal. In addition, two LEDS (OK and Ring) provide switch and network status. Refer to the pictures below for the location of these LEDs.



5-port with Dual Fiber Shown



9-port with All RJ45 Shown

Power LEDs

There are two power LEDs on the switch that are above the P1 and P2 terminals. Both indicate if there is power applied to the respective terminal.

OK LED

The OK LED is a multifunctional indicator, which has several states defined below.

Note: The OK LED and OK Output do not always coincide. In general the OK LED will always indicate any type of error condition. However the OK Output can be configured using the Ethernet Switch Tools to only indicate the errors you define.

ON solid:
The OK LED will be in a steady ON state when both P1 and P2 power inputs are powered and that all configured rings have continuous ring integrity.

OFF completely:
The OK LED will be OFF if either P1 and/or P2 is not powered, or if any one of the active rings for which this switch is a member of encounters a segment failure.

Blinking:
The OK LED can blink at different rates.

- ***Continuous rapid blinking***: To verify communication and target switch selection, you can request the switch to "wink" its OK LED to visually identify the unit.
- ***Rapid blinking, with a single short pause***: Should the OK LED blink rapidly for about 5 sec and then pause for about 1 second, this indicates that the switch is in the boot-up process such as on power-up, when loading firmware or when resetting the switch.
- ***Long OFF, short ON***: If the OK LED is OFF for about 1.9 seconds and ON for .1 seconds, an internal error has occurred in the unit. Try cycling power or resetting the switch from the configuration utility.

Ring LED

The Ring LED is a multifunctional indicator that shows four states.

ON solid:
The Ring LED will be ON when all rings enabled in the switch have continuous ring integrity.

OFF completely:
The switch has not been configured for any rings.

Blinking: (50% OFF – 50% ON)
One or more rings have been configured for the switch, but a break has been discovered for one or more of the configured rings. Neighboring Ring Switches are responding, so the break is at another location.

Blip: (Long OFF – Short ON)
One or more configured rings have been broken. The break has been detected to be local to one of the ports. Diagnostically speaking; in simple rings, the segment with the problem will be between the two switches with their ring LEDs in the blip state. Also, you can ascertain the general location of where the segment error has occurred with a HMI, a master controller, or some other MODBUS Master through MODBUS/UDP polling. Find out more details about MODBUS diagnostics in section 7 of this manual.

ACT / LNK/ 10/100 Mbps LEDs

Activity, link, and port speed indication is combined into one LED per port. The port states are described below:

ON solid:
This would indicate that there is a proper Ethernet connection (Link) between the port and another Ethernet device, but no communications activity is detected.

OFF completely:
This would indicate that there is not a proper Ethernet connection (Link) between the port and another Ethernet device. Make sure the proper cable type is in use and that it has been plugged securely into the ports at both ends. See section 5 for proper Ethernet cabling.

Blinking:
This would indicate that there is a proper Ethernet connection (Link) between the port and another Ethernet device, and that there is communications activity.

Red:
1000 Mbps (1000BaseT) connection is detected.

Green:
100 Mbps (100BaseT) connection is detected.

Yellow:
10 Mbps (10BaseT) connection is detected.

Section 3 Installation

Overview

The Ring Switch can be fastened onto a standard DIN rail (EN50022) or screwed directly to a flat panel. Refer to the mechanical drawings below. Make sure to allow enough room to route your Ethernet cables.

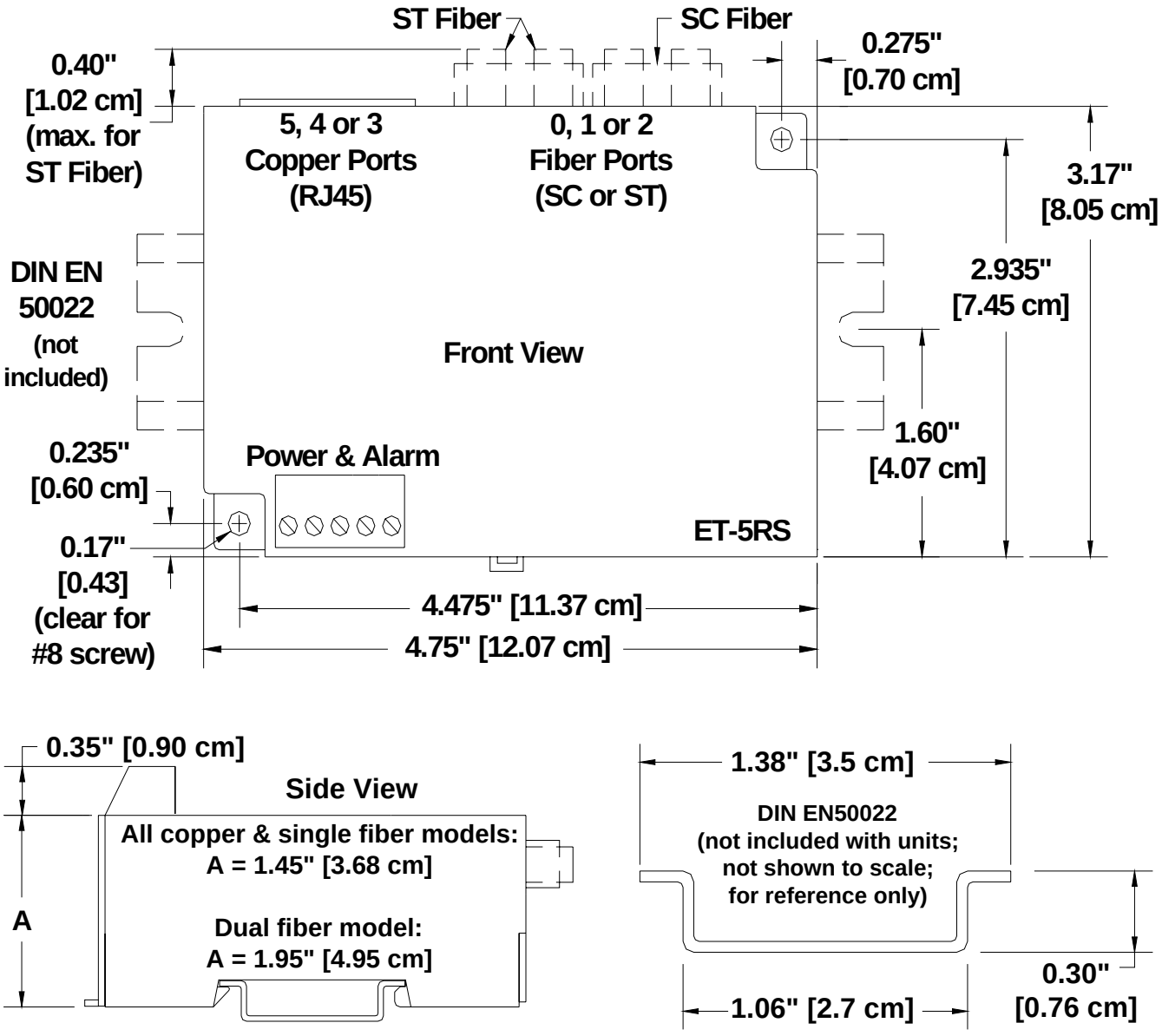


Figure 3a – 5-port Model Mechanical Dimensions

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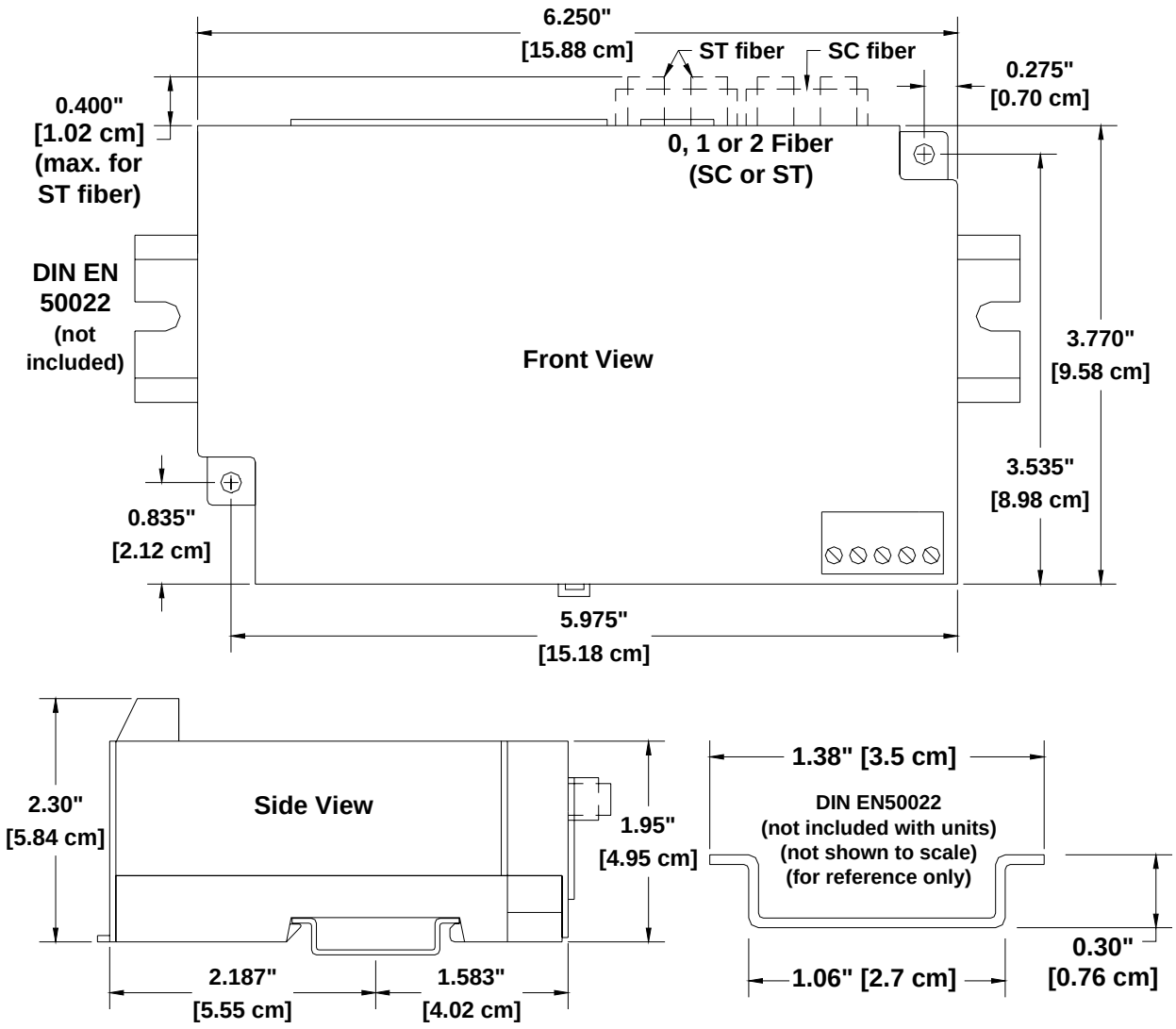

Figure 3b – 9-port Model Mechanical Dimensions

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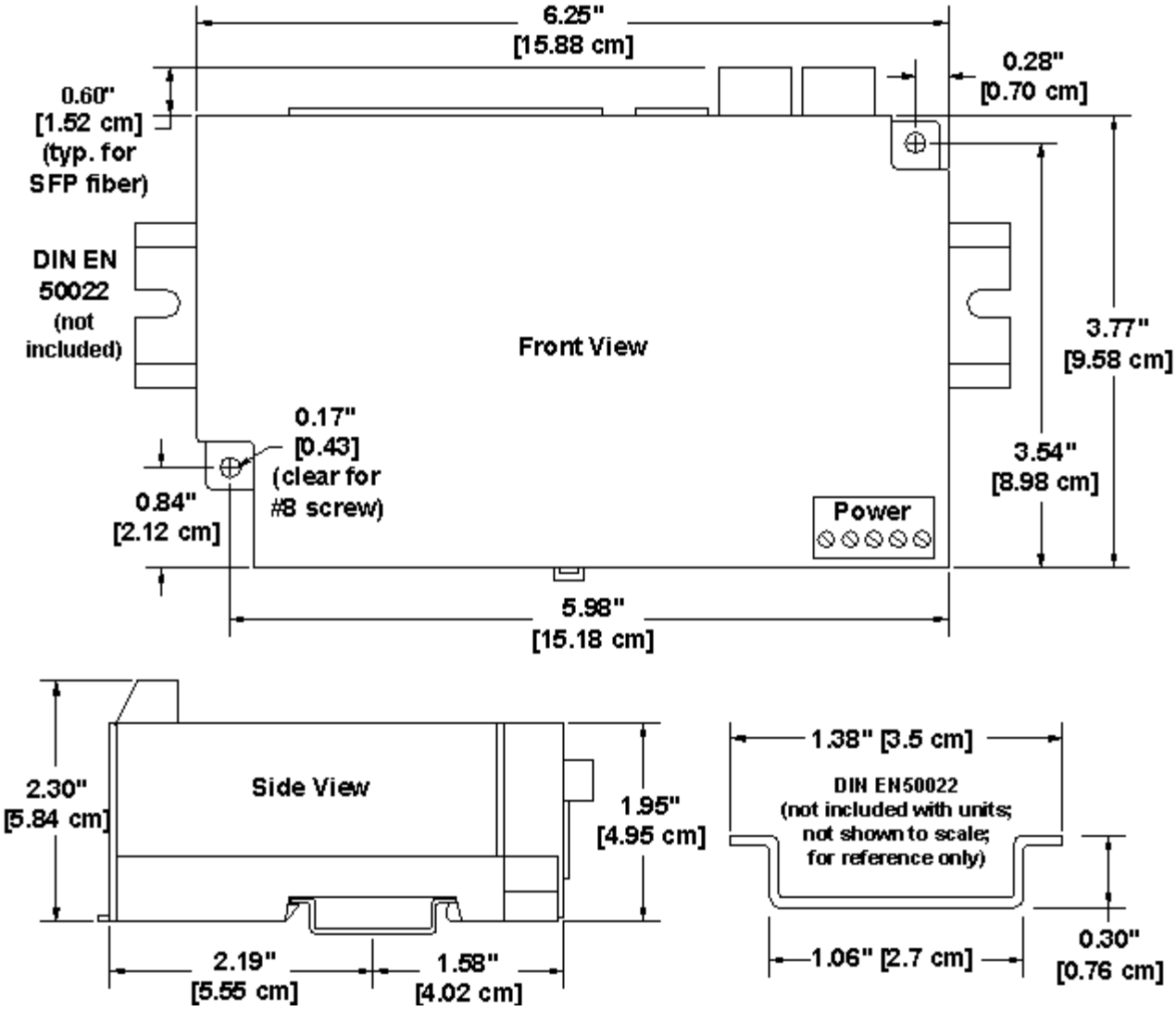

Figure 3c – 9-port Gigabit Model Mechanical Dimensions

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Section 4 Power Wiring

Overview

The Ring Switch can be powered from the same DC source that is used to power your other industrial devices. For extended power Ring Switches (indicated by a '-E' in the part number), 10-50 VDC can be applied to the power terminals. A Ring Switch that has a part number ending with a '-D' will accept power within the 10-30 VDC range. Verify the power rating of your Ring Switch by checking the part number on the side label.

Power is applied to P1 and the minus terminal. The first screw terminal on the left should be tied to panel or chassis ground. To prevent possible down time resulting from power loss, a second power terminal (P2) is provided for redundant power (see Figure 4a).

Note: If you wish to use the alarm output (terminal marked 'OK'), but only have a single power source, just jumper the power to both incoming power terminals (P1, P2). See Figure 4a. The alarm output in the ON state has the same voltage as the applied input.

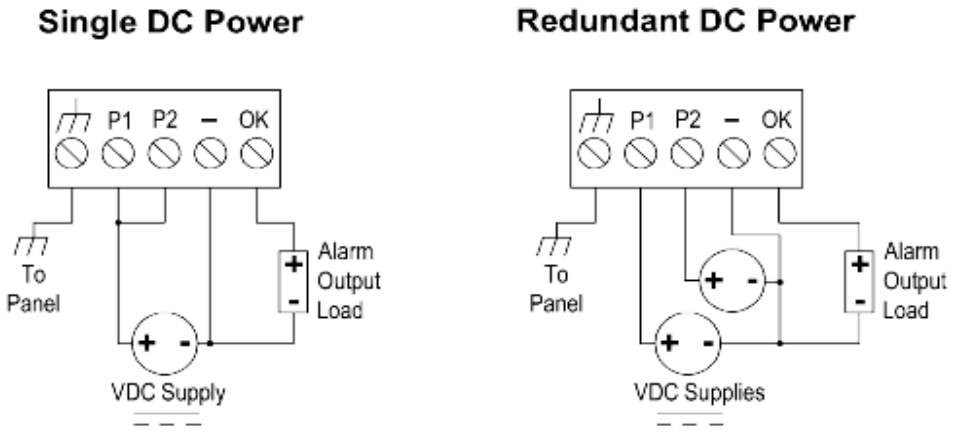
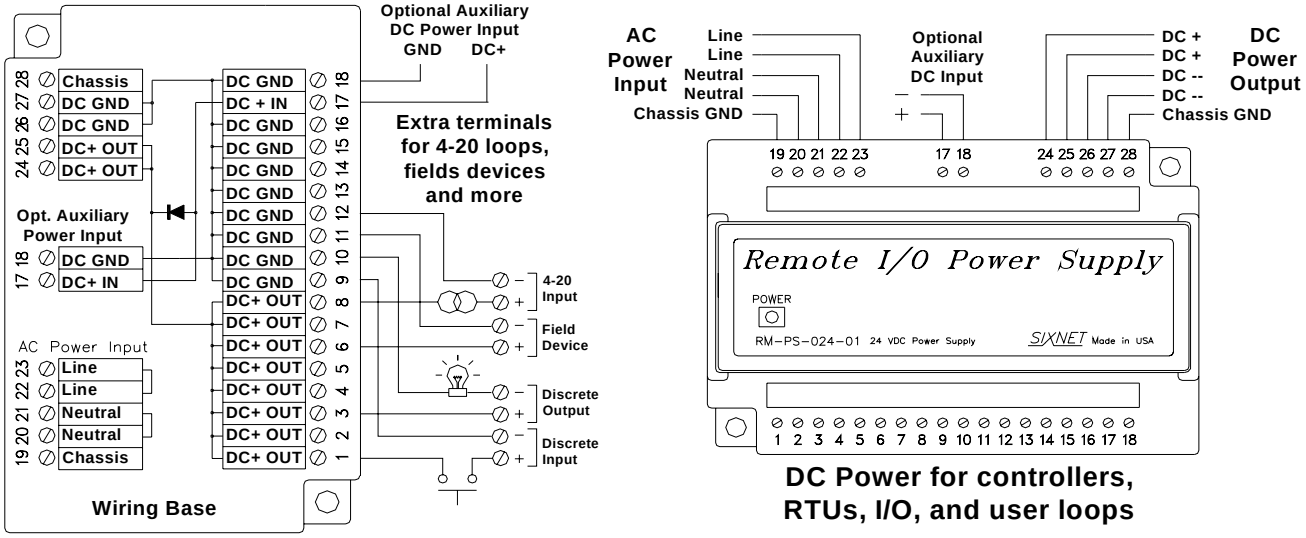


Figure 4a – Power & Alarm Wiring

RM-PS-024-01N (optional)

The RM-PS-024-01 can be used to power the Ring Switch, instrumentation loops, and other devices. It operates on 85-264 VAC (47-63 Hz) or 120-370 VDC and outputs 24 VDC at up to 1 Amp. Refer to its data sheet for details. See figure below for power connections.



Screw Torque

The screw terminals should be tightened as follows:
Maximum 3.48 in-lbs (0.4 Nm)

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Section 5

Ethernet Wiring

Overview

The Ring Switch provides Ethernet and fiber connections to devices on the factory floor through star or ring topology. When wiring the Ring Switch in a ring topology, it is **important** that *only* Ring Switches are used for each node in the ring. With proper ring wiring, all nodes in the ring can maintain the same data connectivity should a path in the ring be "cut". Be sure to visit Section 8 for detailed examples about valid and invalid ring topologies.

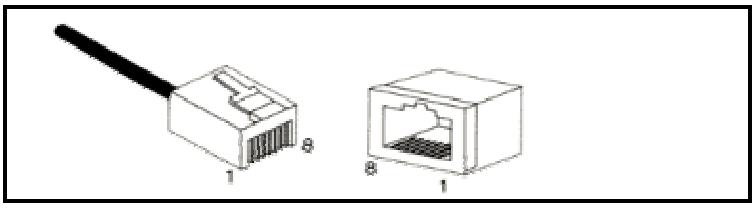
RJ45 Wiring Guidelines

Use data-quality (not voice-quality) twisted pair cable rated category 5 or better with standard RJ45 connectors. For best performance use shielded cable. Straight through or crossover category 5 cable can be used regardless of the type of device connected to the Ring Switch. This is because the Ring Switch supports auto-mdi/mdix-crossover.

Ethernet Cable Pin-outs (for reference only)

Straight-thru Cable Wiring			Cross-over Cable Wiring	
Pin 1	Pin 1		Pin 1	Pin 3
Pin 2	Pin 2		Pin 2	Pin 6
Pin 3	Pin 3		Pin 3	Pin 1
Pin 6	Pin 6		Pin 6	Pin 2

Ethernet Connector Pin Positions



Cable Distance
The maximum cable length for 10/100/1000 BaseT is typically 100 meters (328 ft.).

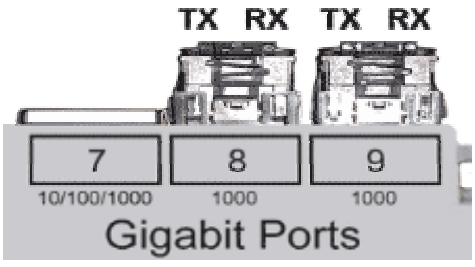
Ethernet Fiber Wiring Guidelines

The Ring Switch optionally has one or two pair of multimode or singlemode fiber ports. The maximum segment length is up to 120+ km depending on the type of fiber optic transceiver installed in the switch. Refer to the technical specifications for details.

Each fiber optic port on the switch is comprised of a pair of SC, ST or LC style connectors. For each fiber port there is a transmit (TX) and receive (RX) signal. When making your fiber optic connections, make sure that the transmit (TX) port of the switch connects to the receive (RX) port of the other device, and the receive (RX) port of the switch connects to the transmit (TX) port of the other device. See images below.

The ACT/LNK LED will be ON solid when you have made a proper connection.

100BaseT Fiber Ports (SC Style)



Duplex Operation

The RJ45 ports will auto-sense for Full or Half duplex operation, while the fiber ports are configured for full duplex operation. Note: Fiber devices with half duplex settings should still communicate with the switch. If otherwise then contact your switch vendor.

Network Device Check

The Ring Switch is capable of supporting 10/100/1000BaseT and 100 or 1000BaseF. Make sure you connect the appropriate devices to each port.

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Section 6

Ring Switch Features

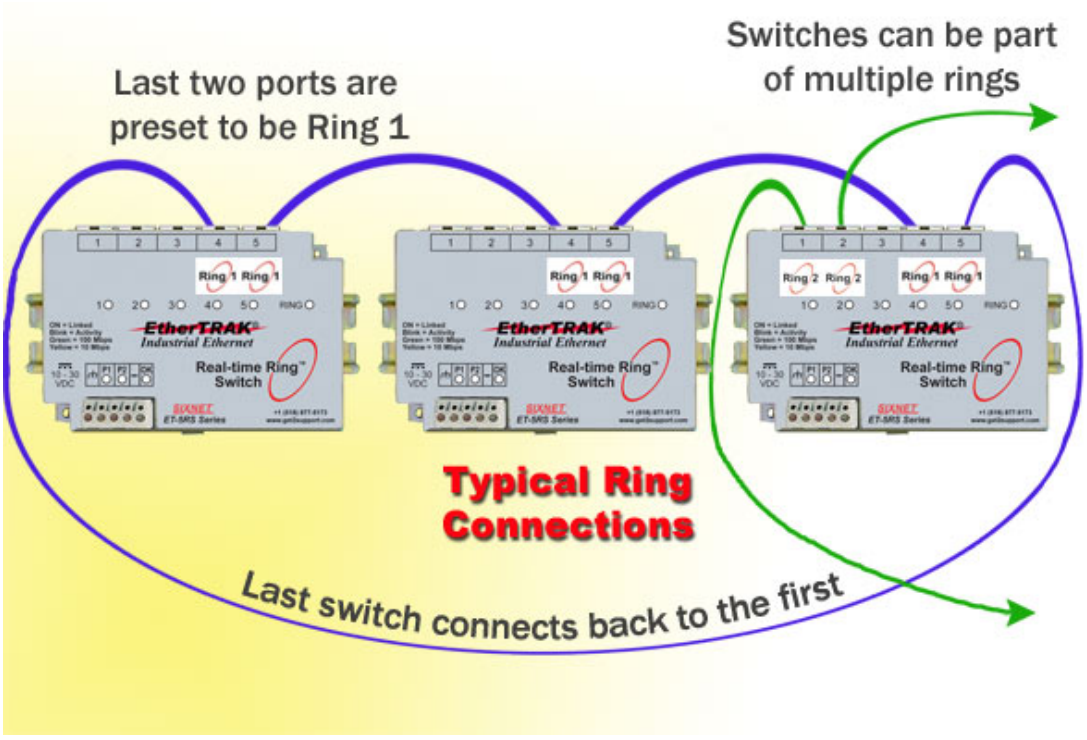
Overview

The Ring Switch has all the networking capability of a typical unmanaged switch plus some advanced capability that you would only find in a managed switch. Like an unmanaged switch, the Ring Switch is "plug and play" meaning that it can be used right out of the box - without any user configuration. This includes the ring functionality, which is already pre-configured in the switch. For most applications this is all that is needed. For advanced applications you can use the Ethernet Switch Tools (Windows software utility) to enable some advanced capabilities such as priority queuing for prioritizing your traffic, message rate filtering for broadcast storm protection and port mirroring for diagnostics.

Important Note: Only use Real-time Ring™ Switches when connecting switches in a ring. The Real-time Ring™ Switches use a specialized high-speed ring algorithm that only they will understand. Otherwise, these Ring Switches are fully IEEE 802.3 compatible.

Ring Setup & Operation

For ring operation in most applications, no user configuration is necessary. The Ring Switches can be ordered pre-configured with 1 or more pairs of ports setup for ring operation. Just connect the ring-configured ports of your Ring Switches in a ring by connecting the last switch back to the first. Make sure you use only the ring configured ports for your ring connections. The non-ring ports should be used to connect to your Ethernet devices such as PLCs, computers, etc. Be sure to visit Section 8 for great examples about valid and invalid ring topologies.



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Ring Algorithm and Performance

The Real-time Ring™ feature utilizes a special algorithm that assures very fast recovery times. Each Real-time Ring switch utilizes the special high-speed algorithm to keep track of the health of the ring. In a healthy ring (a complete ring), one ring switch will be automatically picked to act as a master (switch with lowest MAC address) for the ring network. Alternatively, you can designate one of your ring switches to be the master using the Ethernet Switch Tools. It is the master switch's job to determine which one of its local ring ports are to be in the forwarding or backup state. The ring port chosen to be in the backup state is where the backup segment of the ring will be. By default, the ring port with the higher port number will get become the backup port.

All ring switches in the ring must have a way to keep track of each other in case a failure in communication occurs along the ring. To keep track of the health of the ring, the Ring switches periodically send test messages to each other. Therefore, when a ring gets "cut" at a certain location, the Ring switches will know and they will take the appropriate action to bring the network back online. The time that it takes for the last Ring switch to "know" and take appropriate action to rectify the communication problem will be when the link loss "recovers".

Recovery time can be estimated by multiplying 5 mS times the number of switches, and then adding 30 mS (for loss of link errors) or 60 mS (for message loss errors). For example, a ring of 10 switches would have a recovery time of 80 mS for the typical loss of link type errors.

Master Switch Selection

As mentioned above, the ring switch with the lowest MAC address will automatically become the master and block one of its ports (highest number port). Alternatively, you can designate one of your ring switches to be the master using the Ethernet Switch Tools. There is a simple check box where you can select "Automatic" or "This Switch" for the master ring switch selection. This advanced capability allows you to control where the backup port will be in your network. The ring switch to be designated the master must be running firmware v0103 or newer. Only the ring switch that is designated the master needs to be running the newer firmware. All other ring switches can be running older firmware. It is recommended that only one ring switch be designated as the master. If more than one is designated as the master then the one with the lowest MAC address will prevail.

Ethernet Switch Tools

In some applications it may be desirable or required to adjust the Ring Switches parameters for proper or best operation. A Microsoft Windows software utility called the Ethernet Switch Tools is provided to make these adjustments. Using the "auto-find" feature in the utility, you will be able to pick from a list of detected Ring Switches and load custom configurations via Ethernet. The auto-find feature eliminates the hassle of loading via a serial connection and the overhead time spent assigning IP addresses. Refer to the online help for details on using the Ethernet Switch Tools.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your computer must be on the **same** local network as the Ring Switch for the Ethernet Switch Tools to operate properly. Also, your computer must have updated Raw Ethernet Socket (WinPcap) support installed. When installing the Ethernet Switch Tools, the installation program will call the WinPcap installation program if necessary. If you have an older version of WinPcap installed, the installation program will prompt you to remove the older version before continuing with the installation.

Port Configuration

Ring Switches auto-negotiate port settings. In most applications port settings are best left in the default "Auto" connection mode. For special situations, the ports can be "Fixed" to restrict communications to only 10, 100 or 1000 Megabits per second, with either half or full duplex. Flow control can be enabled or disabled as well. Port configuration settings are adjustable using the Ethernet Switch Tools.

Fault Tolerant Rings

A network backbone wired in a ring type topology is one of the best choices for a fault-tolerant network. By default, Ring Switches may be factory preset to have zero, one, or two rings enabled. Factory presetting a ring configuration skips the step of using the Ethernet Switch Tools to enable your rings so you can have the convenience of "plug and play" operation. Factory presets are indicated in the switch's part number:

-E0 or -D0 Rings disabled
-E1 or -D1 One ring enabled on last two ports (default)
-E2 or -D2 Two rings enabled on ports 1 and 2 and last two ports
-EC or -DC A user specified custom configuration has been pre-installed

To change the ring configuration in the switch, simply launch the Ethernet Switch Tools and choose the desired pair of ports for your new enabled ring. The Ring LED will be lit if all rings (one or two) that are enabled in this switch have continuous ring integrity.

For a ring to function, all switches in the path of the ring must have Real-time Ring™ support. Do not connect rings within rings. Only simple non-overlapped rings are allowed. Two active rings cannot share a network segment. It is possible to join two rings together by configuring two rings in a single switch. The ports used for each ring must be distinct, so that no network segment is shared by both rings. See Section 7 for ring wiring examples and guidelines.

Message Rate Filtering
(Broadcast storm protection)

Poorly configured applications and devices or malicious users can flood your network with broadcast packets that are forwarded to all ports and can quickly consume most of a network's bandwidth. The Ring Switch provides protection against broadcast storms by limiting the quantity of broadcast and multicast messages. This protection is enabled by default. See Ethernet Switch Tool's on-line help for details.

Priority Queuing
(Traffic Prioritization using QoS, CoS, ToS/DiffServ)

With priority queuing configured in the Ring Switch, low priority data will not interfere with your time critical data again. Network traffic can be prioritized to achieve the performance that time-sensitive data demands. Refer to the Ethernet Switch Tool's on-line help for more information and details on configuring priority queuing.

Port Mirroring

This advanced diagnostic capability allows messages from one or more ports to be copied to another port. Then a port analyzer or "sniffer" program can be used to monitor the traffic without affecting the operation of the switch. Configuring the Ring Switch for port mirroring is done through the Ethernet Switch Tools. See the on-line help for details.

Note: With firmware 0103 or newer, only one monitor (destination) port is allowed. However, multiple source ports can be chosen.

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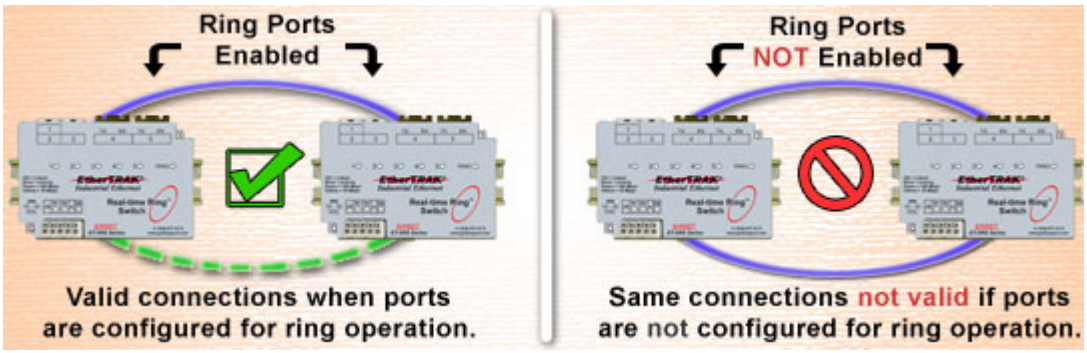
Section 7

Ring Configurations

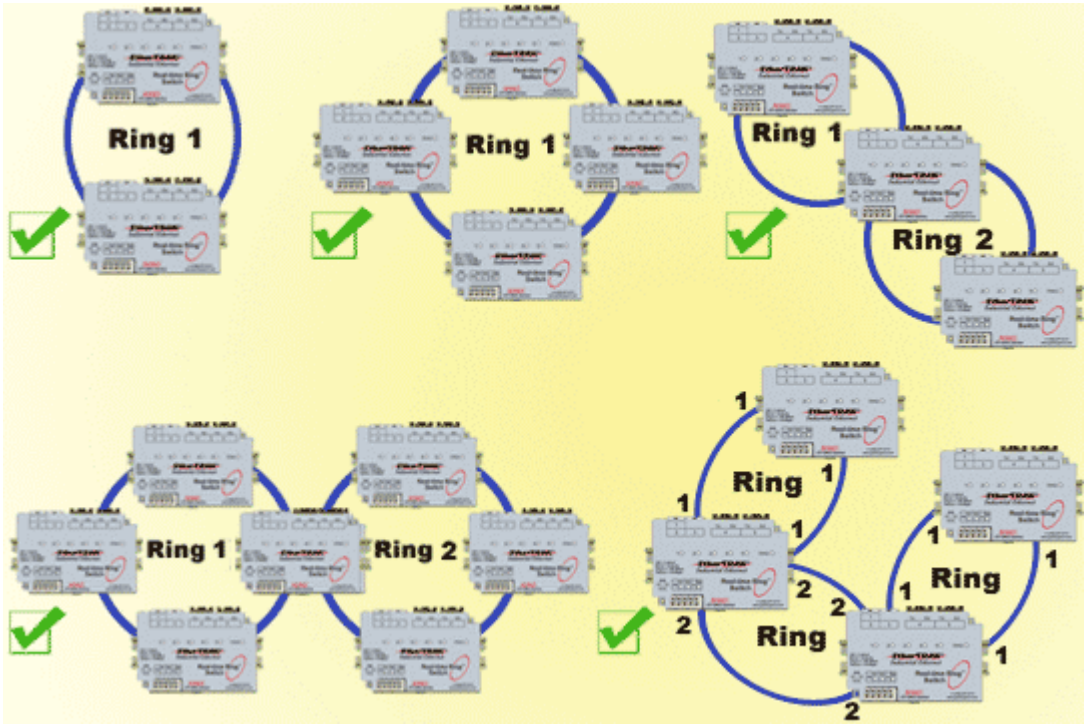
Configuring Rings in your Ring Switch

First and foremost, make sure that ring operation is enabled for the appropriate ports. In other words it is required to tell the Ring Switch what ports it is going to use as ring ports (unless the Ring Switch was purchased with rings pre-configured). Never wire a Ring Switch in a ring topology without having the ports that are used in the ring configured as ring ports (See diagram below).



Valid Ring Topologies

Below are examples of how you should wire your Ring Switches together. In general, you should keep your topology simple.



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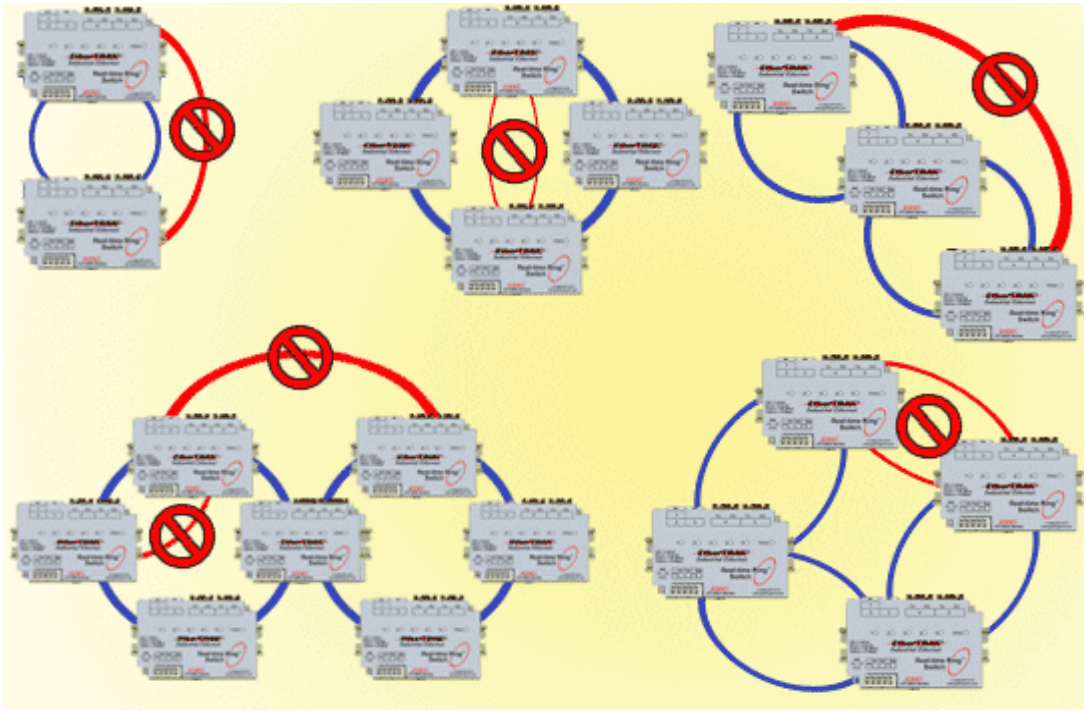
Invalid Ring Topologies

The examples below are invalid ring topologies. Do NOT connect Ring Switches in the ways shown below, as they will lead to unpredictable network performance. Paths indicated by the color red create unintended rings (see unintended rings example below).

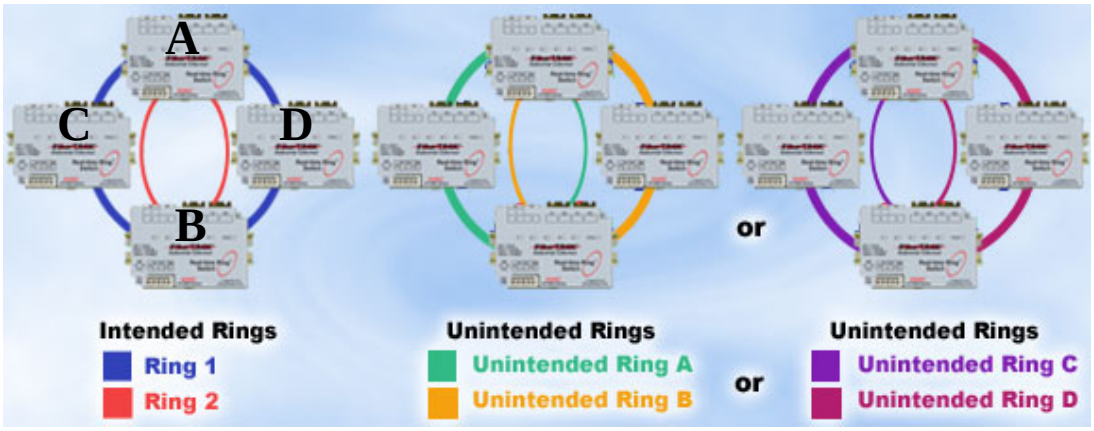


Unintended Rings Example

Refer to the diagram below. In this example, Ring Switches A and B have been software configured for two rings each. Ring Switches C and D have been software configured for one ring each. The physical connections for the two rings are shown in blue and red.

Since the rule for configuring Ring Switches is to make sure that each Ring Switch knows about all rings that are attached to it, it would appear that the example below is legal. However, this is not the case. There are actually more than two ring paths that were created. There are multiple paths that traffic can use to move from Switch A and back to Switch A. The same applies to Switch B. These unintended Ring paths that Switch A and Switch B don't know about are labeled as Unintended Rings A, B, C, and D.

Since Ring Switch A and Ring Switch B don't know about these extra ring paths, they aren't included in A or B's ring algorithm. Paths that are not included in the ring algorithm will result in harmful broadcast storms, as will happen when conventional switches are connected in a ring topology.



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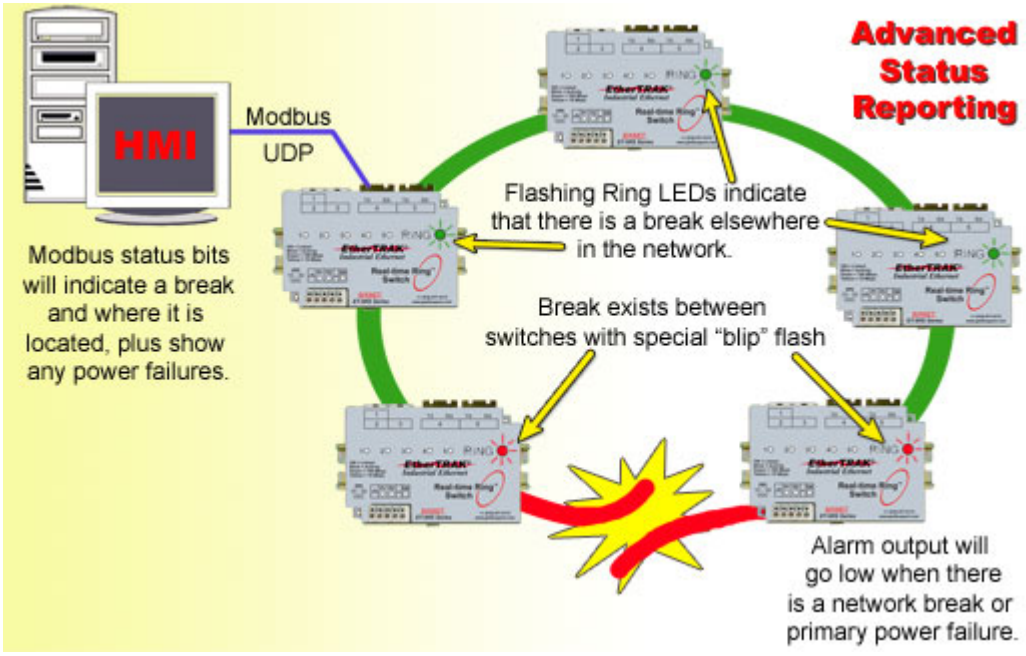
Section 8 Local and Remote Status Monitoring

Switch Status

You can keep track of the status of your Ring Switches at all times. To check the status of a Ring Switch visually, you can monitor the Ring Switch's indicator LEDs. To monitor the status remotely, you can use Modbus over Ethernet (UDP). There is also an alarm output that can be tied to a PLC or other supervisory device.



Visual Status Monitoring

The status of your Ring Switches can be easily ascertained by simply looking at their LED indicators. The LEDs can be used to quickly see the status or to locate a network problem. **See Section 2 for details on the LED indicators.**

Port Status (ACT/LNK LED)

After all Ethernet and/or fiber connections are made, check the LED's corresponding to the ports that each of the devices are connected to. Ensure that for each port that is in use, the LED is on or blinking. If a port LED is off, go back and check for connectivity problems between that port and the network device connected to that particular port. In addition, the color of the LED should indicate the speed for which your device is connected at (yellow – 10Mbps, green – 100Mpbs).

Power & Switch Status (OK LED)

The Ring Switch has an OK LED that indicates the power and operational status. It is ON solid when there are no errors. It will go OFF if either power supply fails or a ring break is detected. The OK LED will also flash if the switch is being "winked", is in the boot-up mode, or an internal error was detected.

Ring Status (Ring LED)

The Ring Switch has a Ring LED that indicates the status of your ring connections. It is ON solid when all rings handled by the switch have continuous integrity. It will be blinking if there is broken ring segment but all adjacent switches are responding. It will be OFF if the switch is not configured for any rings. The ring LED will Blip (mostly OFF, with a quick ON) when a configured ring has been broken and the break is local to one of the ports of the switch. Typically the network with the fault will be between the two switches with Ring LEDs in the Blip state. This makes tracking down faults quick and simple.

OK Output

The Ring Switch has an OK Output that can be used to signal an error to a PLC, PC or other supervisory devices. By default, this output is normally ON when both power inputs are present and there are no ring errors. The output will go OFF if either power input fails, both power inputs fail or there is a ring break detected. Alternatively, using the Ethernet Switch Tools you can define which error conditions will cause the OK Output to go OFF.

Remote Status Monitoring

There are two ways to remotely monitor the status of your Ring Switch network.
The first method is to use the Ethernet Switch Tool's status display. This display will show the status of the selected Ring Switch by providing details such as port, power, and ring states. Find more details about how to use this display by referring to the Ethernet Switch Tool's on-line help.

The second method that can be used for determining the state of your Ring Switch network is via Modbus UDP. See the Modbus UDP topic below for detailed information about how to take advantage of this feature.

Modbus/ UDP

Through Modbus UDP (**Note: TCP is <u>not</u> supported**), you can remotely monitor the status of the Ring Switch. Using the Ethernet Switch Tools, the Ring Switch can be configured as a Modbus slave station with its own Modbus station number and IP address.

The Ring Switch has a set of predefined Modbus registers for status reporting. Refer to the table below for the register assignments.

Modbus Address	Status	Modbus Address	Status
10001	Link on port 1	10019	Ring 1: Second port is passing data (not blocked)
10002	Link on port 2	10020	Ring 2 complete
10003	Link on port 3	10021	Ring 2: First port is passing data (not blocked)
10004	Link on port 4		
10005	Link on port 5	10022	Ring 2 second port is passing data (not blocked)
10006	Link on port 6		
10007	Link on port 7	10030	OK output ON (no alarms) Output will be ON if both power and all enabled rings are complete.
10008	Link on port 8		
10009	Link on port 9		
10017	Ring 1 complete	10031	First power input valid
10018	Ring 1: First port is passing data (not blocked)	10032	Second power input valid

<u>NOTE</u>: It is recommended that you keep the poll time of your Modbus master driver or hardware device to a reasonable rate. If you poll a Ring Switch at a rapid rate, the performance of the switch may be reduced. The fastest poll time you should run will depend on the application. As a guideline, a poll time of 500 mS or greater should not adversely affect the performance of your Ring Switch.

Modbus Diagnostics Example

As an example of how to debug a network using the Modbus registers, we will examine a simple ring topology, which is shown in the figures that follow.

Scenario 1: No Breaks

Taking a look at the diagram below, we see three Ring Switches. Ring Switches A, B, and C have been configured for one ring. The ring network is currently in good health (no breaks in the ring) with the solid blue line indicating the active part of the ring, and the dashed blue line indicating the standby part of the ring.

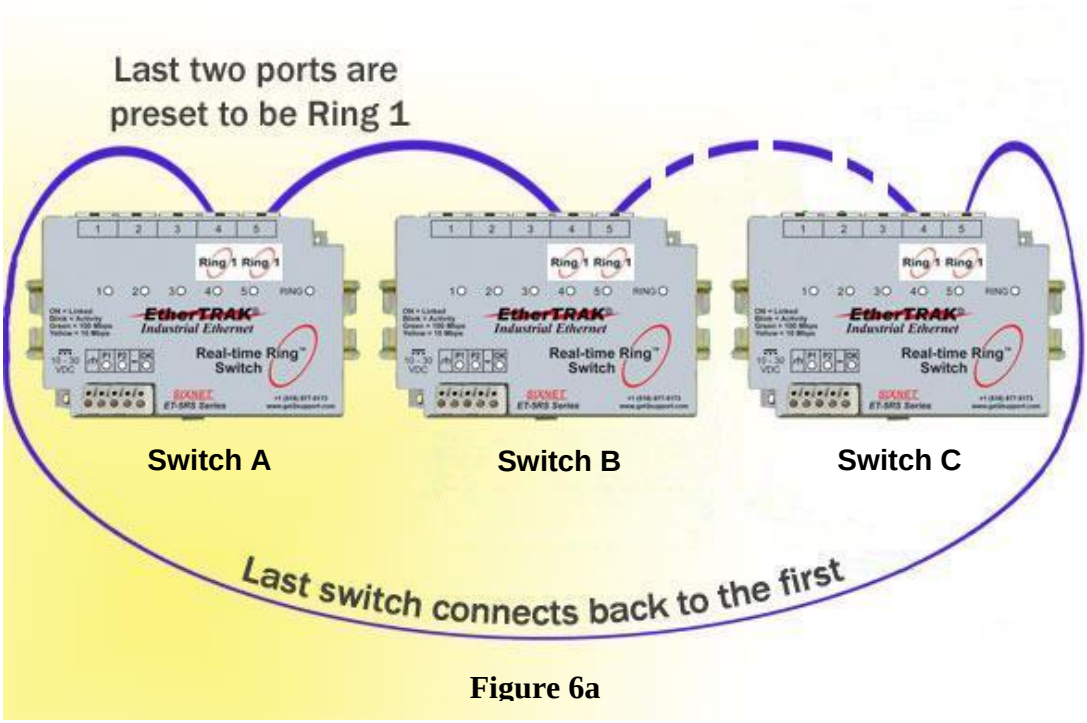


Figure 6a

Since the ring network is in good health, we would expect these values from the Modbus registers of each switch:

Switch A	Switch B	Switch C
Ring 1 Complete: **1**	Ring 1 Complete: **1**	Ring 1 Complete: **1**
First Port of Ring 1: **1**	First Port of Ring 1: **1**	First Port of Ring 1: **0**
Second Port of Ring 1: **1**	Second Port of Ring 1: **1**	Second Port of Ring 1: **1**

A ring network in good health would have the Ring Complete bit set to one in all Ring Switches. Also, all ports in the ring should be forwarding except for one port that should be in backup mode. The backup port will indicate the standby/backup path of the existing ring.

Scenario 2:
A Network Break

Should the ring experience a break like the diagram indicated below (Figure 6b), we immediately see that the Ring Complete bits for each switch have gone to zero. The port that was in the backup state will rapidly change to the forwarding state to activate the standby Ethernet path.

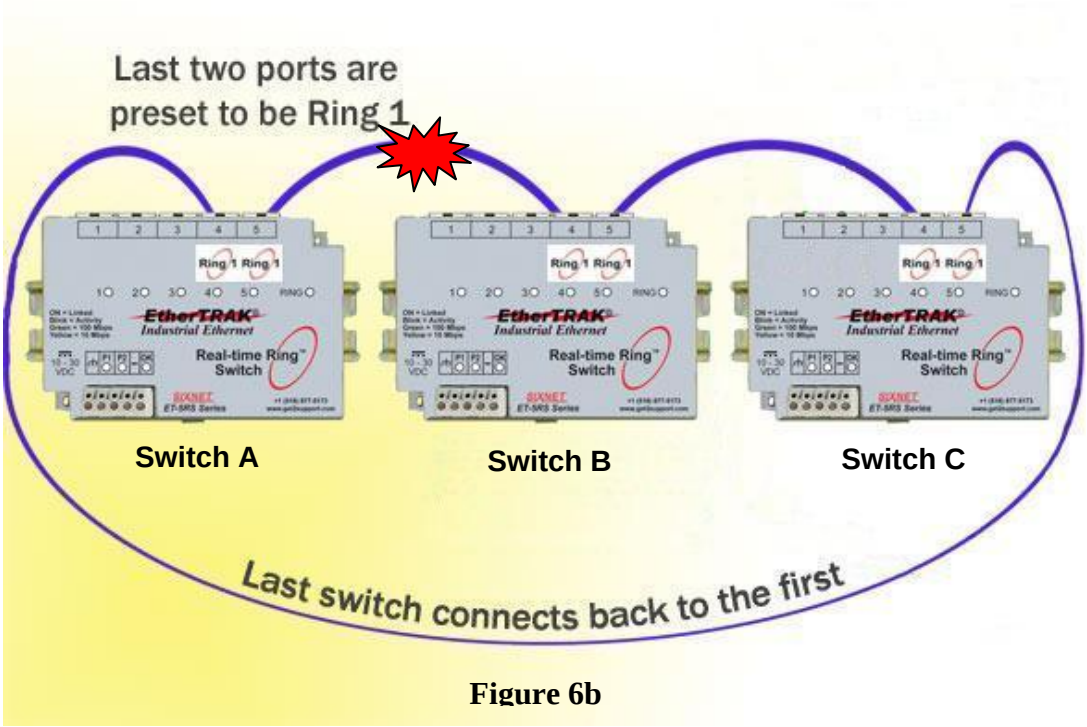


Figure 6b

With the break indicated above, we would expect these values from the Modbus registers of each switch:

Switch A	Switch B	Switch C
Ring 1 Complete : **0**	Ring 1 Complete : **0**	Ring 1 Complete : **0**
First Port of Ring 1 : **1**	First Port of Ring 1 : **0**	First Port of Ring 1 : **1**
Second Port of Ring 1 : **0**	Second Port of Ring 1 : **1**	Second Port of Ring 1 : **1**

With the ring broken, each ring port reports whether its ring partner is available. In the example above, we see that for switch A, the 'First Port of Ring 1' has a value of one. This means that switch A can talk to its ring partner (Ring Switch C). For the same switch, we see that the 'Second Port of Ring 1' has a value of zero. This means that switch A is not able to talk to its ring partner for that port (Ring Switch B).

Based on this information, you can localize where a break in a ring has occurred by checking which ports report back with zero when a ring is broken. Ports that report back with zero mean that the break is local to that particular port.

Section 9 Default Settings

About Default Settings

The settings below are the factory defaults when the switch comes out of the box. Use this page to find out what changes may be necessary for tailoring the switch to your exact needs.

Ring Ports

-E0 or -D0: No ring(s) configured
-E1 or -D1: Ring 1 configured on last two ports
-E2 or -D2: Ring 1 configured on last two ports and Ring 2 configured on Ports 1,2
-EC or -EC: Custom configuration as you specified.

Master switch selection: Automatic

Port Configuration (all ports):

Port	Name	Admin	Negotiation	Speed & Duplex	Flow Control
#	Port_1	Enabled	Auto	10h 10f 100h 100f 1000h 1000f	Disabled

Broadcast Limit

Enabled on all ports

Port Mirroring

Mirroring: Disabled

Priority Queuing

Use 802.1p Tag Priority: Enabled
Use IP ToS/DiffServ: Enabled
Priority Precedence: Tag
Default Priority: Normal
Output Tag: Unchanged

IEEE Tagging

Priority	Traffic Type	Queue
0	Best Effort	0
1	Background	0
2	Spare	0
3	Excellent Effort	1
4	Controlled Load	1
5	Video	1
6	Voice	1
7	Network control	3

OK Output

The OK Output will be normally ON and go OFF when either power input is not present, both power inputs are not present or a ring failure is detected.

Section 10 General Features and Capabilities

Features & Capabilities

This section explains the primary Ethernet and fiber capabilities of the Ring Switch.

10BaseT, 100BaseT and 1000BaseT Auto-detection

Standard Ethernet (10BaseT) has a maximum speed of 10 Mbps (half duplex mode) or 20 Mbps (full duplex mode). Fast Ethernet (100BaseT) has a maximum speed of 100 Mbps (half duplex mode) or 200 Mbps (full duplex mode). Gigabit Ethernet (1000BaseT) has a maximum speed of 1000 Mbps (half duplex mode) or 2000 Mbps (full duplex mode).The 10/100 RJ45 ports automatically support two speeds and the 10/100/1000 three speeds.

100BaseF and 1000BaseF (multimode and singlemode) fiber optic port

The fiber optic port found on some models is classified as 100BaseF or 1000BaseF and supports 100 Mbps or 1000 Mbps operation respectively. Both multimode and singlemode models are available. Multimode allows for multiple wavelengths over a cable with a core diameter of typically 50 or 62.5 microns. The maximum distance for multimode is up to 2 km. Singlemode uses a single wavelength and cable core diameter of around 9 microns, which allows for a maximum distance of 70 km (long haul models) or more (contact your switch vendor for longer distances).

2K or 8K MAC addresses with automatic learning, aging and migration

Each Ethernet device inserts its unique "MAC" address into each message it sends out. The port on the switch used for a given MAC address is automatically learned when a frame is received from that address. Once an address is learned, the switch will route messages to only the appropriate port, instead of broadcasting messages out all ports like a hub. A time stamp is also placed in memory when a new address is learned. This time stamp is used with the aging feature, which will remove unused MAC addresses from the table after 300 seconds. If a device moves, the associated port on the switch will be changed (migrated) as needed. Up to 8,192 MAC addresses can be stored and monitored at any time.

3.2 or 32 Gbps combined bandwidth

The fast Ethernet switches have 3.2 Gbps and the gigabit have 32 Gbps. This means that they can support full duplex communications on all ports at the same time.

Auto-crossover (auto-mdi/mdix)

The RJ45 ports of the Ring Switch will automatically detect the cable type (straight-thru vs. cross-wired) and re-configure themselves accordingly.

Auto-polarity

The auto-polarity feature corrects reversed polarity on the transmit and receive twisted pair.

Automatic power saving

If there is no cable on a port, most of the circuitry for that port is disabled to save power.

Auto-sensing speed and flow control

The RJ45 ports of the Ring Switch will auto-negotiate with the connected device to determine the optimal speed and flow control for each port.

Back pressure for half-duplex

The EtherTRAK Industrial Ethernet Switch will apply "back pressure" when necessary with half-duplex operation. This "back pressure" will reduce congestion on busy networks.

Broadcast storm protection

Each port can be configured to filter out undesirable broadcast and multicast messages.

Buffering
SRAM is used for buffering the messages. The Ring Switches have 1 Mbits (128 Kbytes). The buffer size is automatically allocated for each port as necessary.

Flow control
These switches automatically support flow control frames on both the transmit and receive sides. Back-pressure flow control for half-duplex ports and pause-frame flow control for full-duplex ports.

Forwarding
These switches support store and forward mode. They will forward messages with known addresses out only the appropriate port. Messages with unknown addresses, broadcast messages, and multicast messages will get forwarded out all ports except the source port.

Full / Half duplex operation
The RJ45 ports of these switches support both full and half duplex operation. The fiber optic port(s) are full duplex but can be interfaced to device with half or full duplex.

Illegal frames
Illegal frames as defined by IEEE 802.3 will be dropped. This includes short frames, long frames, CRC error frames and alignment error frames.

IEEE 802.3 compliant
Real-time Ring™ Switches strictly abide to the IEEE 802.3 standard for 10BaseT, 100BaseT, 1000BaseT, 100BaseF and 1000BaseF Ethernet communications.

Latency
The typical latency of a message is 5 microseconds (@ 100 Mbps) plus the frame time. The latency is the time it takes a message to be routed internal to a switch from one port to another. This time is highly dependent on the amount of network activity, the speed and the features enabled in the switch.

Non-blocking
This means that the switches offer the best in performance and are capable of full-wire speed transmissions.

Port Mirroring
Powerful diagnostic mode that lets you map messages between ports.

Plug and play
This means that most functions or features of these switches are automatic and that there are minimal or no optional parameters that need to be set. Just plug in your Ethernet cables, apply power, and the unit will immediately begin to operate. The Ring Switches can even be factory pre-configured to your exact needs.

Priority queuing or Traffic Prioritization
The Ring Switches support QoS (Quality of Service), CoS (Class of Service), ToS (Type of Service), and DS (Differentiated Services) mechanism for ensuring the priority traffic is handled properly. These advanced parameters can be set via the configuration utility.

Protocol independent
These switches will work with all popular Ethernet protocols and networks such as TCP/IP, the Internet (IP), UDP, NetBEUI, and many more. It is compatible with all protocols that run over standard Ethernet (IEEE 802.3). In fact, it will support packets of different protocols simultaneously.

Section 11 Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications

Here are the technical specifications for the Real-Time Ring™ Switch.

Copper RJ45 Ports: (10/100BaseT or 10/100/1000BaseT)	
Connectors	Shielded RJ45
Protocols supported	All standard IEEE 802.3
Ethernet compliancy	IEEE 802.3, 802.3u, 802.3x, 802.3z, 802.1p and more
Auto-crossover	RJ45 MDI/MDIX (allows you to use straight or cross wired cables)
Auto-negotiating	10BaseT, 100BaseT or 1000BaseT as applicable
Auto-sensing	Full or half duplex
Auto-polarity	Yes, on the TD and RD pairs
Flow control	Yes, for Half or full duplex
Half or full duplex	Yes, automatic or configurable
Ethernet isolation	1500 VRMS 1 minute
Plug and play	Yes with factory pre-configuration available for special parameters
Cable requirements	Twisted pair (Cat. 5 or better) (shielded recommended)
Max. cable distance	100 meters
SC or ST Fiber Ports: (100BaseF multimode or singlemode)	
100BaseFX ports	Up to 2
Fiber port mode	Multimode (mm) or Singlemode (sm)
Fiber port connector	Duplex SC or ST
Optimal fiber cable	62.5/125 µm for mm; 9/125 µm for sm
Center wavelength	1300 nm
TX output power	Contact your switch vendor
RX input sensitivity	Contact your switch vendor
Max. distance (full duplex)	2 km with mm; 15 km with sm, 70+ km with long haul sm
Half and full duplex	Software Configurable
Ethernet compliance	100BaseFX
Eye safety	IEC 60825-1, Class 1; FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11

SFP Mini-Gbic SFP (pluggable) Ports: (many types available)	
Note: Ports 8 and 9 on the Gigabit models are pluggable and accept many different types of pluggable SFP (Mini-Gbic) modules for Gigabit copper or fiber connections.	
Gigabit ports	Up to 2
Port types	Copper RJ45, fiber multimode, fiber singlemode, fiber long haul singlemode, fiber single strand, 1000BaseF (SX/LX/LH) modules
Fiber port connector	RJ45 for copper; LC typically for fiber (depends on module)
Optimal fiber cable	62.5/125 µm for multimode (mm); 9/125 µm for singlemode (sm)
Fiber wavelength	850 nm for mm; 1310 nm for sm; 1550 for long haul sm
TX output power	Contact your switch vendor
RX input sensitivity	Contact your switch vendor
Max. distance (full duplex)	Up to 120+ km with long haul singlemode modules
Half and full duplex	Software Configurable
Ethernet compliance	1000BaseT and 1000BaseF
Eye safety	IEC 60825-1, Class 1; FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11

Note: Additional fiber optic transceiver specifications are available. Also, other fiber transceivers may be available for special requirements such as longer distances, single strand or other special applications. Contact your switch vendor for details.

General:		
Operation	Intelligent store & forward, non-blocking	
Ethernet protocols supported	All IEEE 802.3	
Typical latency for 10 Mbps	16 us + frame time	Varies on load & settings
Typ. latency for 100/1000 Mbps	5 us + frame time	
MAC addresses supported	2K (10/100 models) or 8K (gigabit models)	
Buffer memory	1 Mbits (128 Kbytes)	
Buffer allocation per port	Automatic and dynamic	
Memory bandwidth	3.2 Gbps (10/100 models) or 32 Gbps (gigabit models) for full-wire speed on all ports	
Address learning	Automatic	
Address aging	Remove old address after 300s	
Address migration	Automatic	
Back pressure	Automatic for half-duplex	
Illegal frames	Dropped per 802.3	
Flow control	Yes, for half and full duplex	
Traffic prioritization	802.1p, QoS, CoS, ToS/DS	
Status Reporting	Power & operational status	
Modbus over Ethernet (UDP)	Modbus status registers	
"OK" output voltage	Same as switch input voltage	
"OK" output max. current	0.5 Amp	
Real-Time Ring™ Features	Fault-tolerant loop support	
Maximum switches in ring	50+	
Dual ring support	Yes	
Link loss recovery time	Less than 30 mS plus 5 mS per hop	
Environmental	DIN rail or direct panel mounting	
Power input	Redundant input terminals	
Input power (typical with all ports active) (Max. 10 W)	4.0 / 6.0 W (5RS / 9RS without fiber) 5.0 / 7.0 W (5RS / 9RS with 1 fiber) 6.0 / 8.0 W (5RS / 9RS with 2 fiber) 8.0 / 9.0 W (9RG-1 / 9RG with 2 fiber)	
Input voltage	10-50 VDC (-E models) (derate 1.8°C / V above 30V); 10-30 VDC (-D models)	
Transient protection	15,000 watts peak	
Spike protection	5,000 watts (10x for 1000 uS) or 250 volts (50x for 100uS)	
Extended power protection (-E)	Indicated by a '-E' in the part number	
Military surge protection (-E)	Exceeds MIL-STD-1275; 100V for 1 second	
Ethernet isolation	1500 VRMS 1 minute	
Operating temperature range	-40 to +85 °C	
Storage temperature range	-40 to +85 °C	
Humidity (non-condensing)	5 to 95% RH	
Vibration	IEC68-2-6	
Electrical safety	UL508/CSA C22, EN61010-1	
EMI emissions	FCC part 15, ICES-003, EN55022	
EMC immunity	IEC61326-1, IEEE C37.90	
Hazardous locations (Zone 2)	UL1604, CSA C22.2/213 (Class1, Div. 2), Cenelec EN50021	
Marine and off-shore	DNV (Det Norske Veritas) tested	
Eye safety (fiber models)	IEC60825-1, Class 1; FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11	
Packaging (Lexan & alum. case)	IP30 protection; UL 94V-0	
Dimensions (L x W x H)	See mechanical diagram	

Section 12 Service Information

Service Information

We sincerely hope that you never experience a problem with any **SIXNET** product. If you do need service, call **SIXNET** at (518) 877-5173 and ask for Applications Engineering. A trained specialist will help you to quickly determine the source of the problem. Many problems are easily resolved with a single phone call. If it is necessary to return a unit to us, an RMA (Return Material Authorization) number will be given to you.

SIXNET tracks the flow of returned material with our RMA system to ensure speedy service. You must include this RMA number on the outside of the box so that your return can be processed immediately.

The applications engineer you are speaking with will fill out an RMA request for you. If the unit has a serial number, we will not need detailed financial information. Otherwise, be sure to have your original purchase order number and date purchased available.

We suggest that you give us a repair purchase order number in case the repair is not covered under our warranty. You will not be billed if the repair is covered under warranty.

Please supply us with as many details about the problem as you can. The information you supply will be written on the RMA form and supplied to the repair department before your unit arrives. This helps us to provide you with the best service, in the fastest manner. Normally, repairs are completed in two days. Sometimes difficult problems take a little longer to solve.

If you need a quicker turnaround, ship the unit to us by air freight. We give priority service to equipment that arrives by overnight delivery. Many repairs received by mid-morning (typical overnight delivery) can be finished the same day and returned immediately.

We apologize for any inconvenience that the need for repair may cause you. We hope that our rapid service meets your needs. If you have any suggestions to help us improve our service, please give us a call. We appreciate your ideas and will respond to them.

For Your Convenience:
Please fill in the following and keep this manual with your **SIXNET** system for future reference:

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Purchased From:_____

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